Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

- 1. (Currently Amended) A liquid pharmaceutical composition comprising (<u>ii</u>) an active substance chosen among cetirizine, levocetirizine, and efletirizine, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of cetirizine, levocetirizine, or efletirizine, and (<u>ii</u>) at least one preservative, wherein the <u>preservative is amount of preservative is in the case of (a) a parahydroxybenzoate</u> esters that is present in an amount of more than 0 and less than 1.5 mg/ml of the composition, and or (b) a in the case of other-preservatives other than a parahydroxybenzoate ester that is present in an amount is such that it leads to having the same preservative-bactericidal effects on the composition as a parahydroxybenzoate esters eoneentration of concentration of more than 0 and less than 1.5 mg/ml.
- (Currently Amended) A-The liquid pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, wherein it is an the composition is aqueous composition.
- 3. (Currently Amended) A-The liquid pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, wherein the preservative is selected from the group of methyl parahydroxybenzoate, ethyl parahydroxybenzoate, propyl parahydroxybenzoate, a mixture of methyl parahydroxybenzoate and ethyl parahydroxybenzoate-or-propyl parahydroxybenzoate, and or a mixture of methyl parahydroxybenzoate and propyl parahydroxybenzoate.
- (Currently amended) A-The liquid pharmaceutical composition according to claim 3, wherein the preservatives is a mixture of methyl parahydroxybenzoate and propyl parahydroxybenzoate in a ratio of 9/1 expressed in weight.
- 5. (Currently amended) A-The liquid pharmaceutical composition according to claim +4, wherein the pharmaceutical composition contains an amount of p-hydroxybenzoate esters is (methyl-p-hydroxybenzoate/propyl-p-hydroxybenzoate in a ratio of 9/1 expressed in weight) selected-in the range of 0.0001 and 1.4 mg/ml of the composition.

- (Currently amended) A-The liquid pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, wherein the pharmaceutical composition contains an amount of thimerosal selected in the range of 0.0001 and 0.05 mg/ml of the composition.
- (Currently Amended) A-The liquid pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, wherein the pharmaceutical composition contains an amount of chlorhexidine acctate selected-in the range of 0.0001 and 0.05 mg/ml of the composition.
- (Currently Amended) A-The liquid pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, wherein the pharmaceutical composition contains an amount of benzylalcohol selected in the range of 0.0001 and 10 mg/ml of the composition.
- (Currently Amended) A-The liquid pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, wherein the pharmaceutical composition contains an amount of benzalkonium chloride selected in the range of 0.0001 and 0.05 mg/ml of the composition.
- (Currently Amended) A-The liquid pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, wherein the active substance is cetirizine.
- (Currently Amended) A-The liquid pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, wherein the active substance is levocetirizine.
- (Currently Amended) A-The liquid pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition is in the form of oral solutions, nasal drops, eye drops or ear drops.
- 13. (New) The liquid pharmaceutical composition according to claim 2 comprising levocetirizine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and a mixture of methyl phydroxybenzoate and propyl p-hydroxybenzoate.
- 14. (New) The liquid pharmaceutical composition according to claim 13, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable salt of levocetirizine is a hydrochloride salt.
- 15. (New) The liquid pharmaceutical composition according to claim 14, wherein the hydrochloride salt of levocetirizine is present in amount of 0.5 mg/ml and the mixture of methyl p-hydroxybenzoate and propyl p-hydroxybenzoate is present in amount of 0.75 mg/ml.

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- 16. (New) The liquid pharmaceutical composition according to claim 15, wherein the methyl p-hydroxybenzoate and propyl p-hydroxybenzoate are present in a ratio of 9:1 by weight.
- 17. (New) The liquid pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, which composition comprises levocetirizine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt that is at least 95% by weight of the levorotatory enantiomer of cetirizine.
- (New) A method of making a liquid pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1 comprising combining.
 - a) cetirizine, levocetirizine, efletirizine, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of cetirizine, levocetirizine, or efletirizine, and
 - parahydroxybenzoate ester in an amount of more than 0 and less than 1.5 mg/ml of the composition.
- (New) The method according to claim 18, comprising mixing levocetirizine or a
 pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof with a mixture of methyl p-hydroxybenzoate and propyl
 p-hydroxybenzoate.
- 20. (New) The method according to claim 19, comprising mixing a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of levocetirizine with a mixture of methyl p-hydroxybenzoate and propyl p-hydroxybenzoate, wherein the methyl p-hydroxybenzoate and propyl p-hydroxybenzoate are present in a ratio of 9:1.
- (New) The method according to claim 20, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable salt
 of levocetirizine is a hydrochloride salt.
- 22. (New) In a method of treating a patient with cetirizine, levocetirizine, efletirizine, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of cetirizine, levocetirizine, or efletirizine, the improvement comprising administering a liquid composition according to claim 1.
- 23. (New) The method according to claim 23, wherein the liquid composition comprises levocetirizine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and a mixture of methyl phydroxybenzoate and propyl p-hydroxybenzoate.

- 24. (New) The method according to claim 23, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable salt of levocetirizine is a hydrochloride salt.
- 25. (New) The method according to claim 24, wherein the hydrochloride salt of levocetirizine is present in amount of 0.5 mg/ml and the mixture of methyl p-hydroxybenzoate and propyl p-hydroxybenzoate is present in amount of 0.75 mg/ml.
- 26. (New) The method according to claim 25, wherein the methyl p-hydroxybenzoate and propyl p-hydroxybenzoate are present in a ratio of 9:1 by weight.